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Subject: **EPA Update – CFAC site Sep 6, 2016 – EPA adds CFAC to NPL**

You are receiving this message as an update about the Anaconda Aluminum Co Columbia Falls Reduction Plant site, also known as the **Columbia Falls Aluminum Company (CFAC) site**, in Columbia Falls, Montana.

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NPL Status UPDATE: **EPA added the CFAC site to the National Priorities List (NPL) on September 8, 2016.** The NPL is the list of national priorities among the known releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants throughout the United States and its territories.

The final decision to list the CFAC to the NPL was made after careful consideration of comments received during the public comment period that followed the proposal to list the site in 2015.

Adding CFAC to the NPL allows the EPA and the community to access technical and financial resources to address the environmental and health risks posed by the site. These resources can accelerate investigation and cleanup activities and lead more rapidly to productive uses of the site.

EPA may delete a final NPL site if it determines that no further response is required to protect human health or the environment.

Superfund: Sites on the NPL are often referred to as Superfund Sites. To protect public health and the environment, the Superfund program focuses on making a visible and lasting difference in communities, ensuring that people can live and work in healthy, vibrant places.

Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs) are available to incorporated nonprofit organizations of community members affected by the site and can be used for hiring a technical advisor, attending approved training, and obtaining relevant supplies and equipment.

Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) is a resource that EPA provides to communities in order to provide assistance interpreting data, facilitating discussions and other site-related activities. TASC assistance is provided on an issue-specific basis and requires less administrative work to secure and utilize than TAGs.

Attached is a guide to EPA’s Superfund Program that provides a general overview of the Superfund process and ways the community can be involved. For online information and resources, visit www.epa.gov/superfund.

Next steps: EPA staff will coordinate with the community of Columbia Falls to schedule public meetings and other public events over the next few months to discuss the next steps and outline how the public can engage in the Superfund process moving forward. EPA will notify the public when meetings and events are scheduled.

A remedial investigation (RI) is ongoing and will show the nature and extent of contamination and potential risks to human health and the environment when completed. That information will provide the framework for any necessary cleanup. The RI will take place over the next few years and a final report is expected by February 2020.

Project Leaders and Contacts: Please contact us anytime with questions, information, and feedback.

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